

Letters to the Editor

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Rumble on the Right

Your April 2 editorial, "Birching the Birchites," fails to offer a logical reason for the existence of the John Birch Society. You note, "In one sense there is a close analogy between the John Birch Society and the Communist Party," adding that the Society "professes to combat" communism with every means at its command.

Obviously here lies the reason if not the need for such an "ultra-right" organization. Apparently the strong influence of the "ultra-left" has made it necessary for such opposing organizations to develop. Some people aren't able to apply the "Golden Rule" towards the Communists.

Certainly it is "palpable nonsense" to claim Mr. Eisenhower, Mr. Dulles, Dr. Eisenhower, etc., as Communists, but since all this is mere hearsay, has no one come up with the speculation that it may have been the Communists themselves who associated these claims with the John Birch Society? Should this be the case, it would give proof of the real threat the Society offers to the Communists.

In the April 1 edition of the New York Times, Robert Welch, the head of the Society, has repudiated the claim that he had made the above noted accusations about these three and other American statesmen.

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The John Birch Society is rendering the Communists a valuable service by reviving in more virulent form the McCarthyism which created so much dissension and hard feeling in this country. And it isn't costing the Communists a kopek. The super-patriots of the John Birch Society are paying the bill for them.

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One thing the John Birch Society seems to lack, a patron saint.

Since this outfit justifies all its outrageous accusations on its claims to be "anti-Communist," I would like to suggest to them that they elect as their patron saint the one who performed this technique most spectacularly.

His name, of course, is Adolf Hitler.

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Washington.

The defenders of the John Birch Society seem impressed because the Society is anti-Communist. Hitler and Mussolini were anti-Communist and so is Franco of Spain. Anti-communism alone is not enough to qualify a man as a loyal American.

Let the leader of the John Birch Society expound his principles, and in particular let him expound the principles that justify calling President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Warren, and Allen Dulles pro-Communist or Communist, if he did make such charges.

For unless the person making these reported charges has a reason, and a very good reason, Americans will be forced to consider him a subversive of the worst kind, one who undermines the confidence of the people in loyal and dedicated American leaders while pretending to be a loyal American. LESTER L. KIMBLE.
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